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of those interested in legal classics and the history of the English common law, since it includes a clear and comprehensive introduction by Professor Beale, in which the mooted question of authorship, the character of the treatise and its relation to the law, are discussed, and since it presents the translation of 1812 in an attractive and more modern typographical form.

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CHARTER PARTIES AND BILLS OF LADING. By LAWRENCE DUCKWORTH, of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law. London: Effingham Wilson, 1901.

In this day of so great commercial activity, it is almost necessary for every man, be he lawyer or layman, to have a general idea of the law regulating the customary steps taken in the shipment of goods to a foreign land. This, we believe, he can get from Mr. Duckworth's book, which is an epitome of the law, embraced within one hundred pages.

The book is divided into two parts. The first, dealing with charter parties, explains their nature and interprets many of the phrases and clauses contained therein, in the light of decisions of the English courts. The Acts of Parliament bearing on this subject are also cited and commented on.

The second part contains a very good statement of the law relating to bills of lading.

Perhaps the most noteworthy feature of the book is the fact that numerous authorities, many of them the latest decisions, are quoted in support of the author's assertions.

The ordinary forms of a charter party and a bill of lading are given in the appendix.

At the end of the book will be found a very comprehensive index and also a table of the cases cited.

F. W. S.

LAW RELATING TO GENERAL AND PARTICULAR AVERAGE. By LAWRENCE DUCKWORTH. London: Effingham Wilson, 1900.

This little book was written "for the convenience of underwriters and other persons who desire to possess a concise statement of the law on the subject of Average." Within its limits it is an excellent exposition of a very difficult subject, and furnishes an excellent introduction to one branch of admiralty law. The type is excellent and the book compact.